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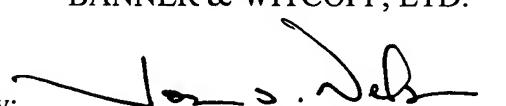
A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed with respect to the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,913,446 and U.S. Patent No. 6,098,833. It is believed that the Terminal Disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection.

The single independent claim 1 has been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The claim is believed to be clearly distinguishable from the litany of Letica references inasmuch as none of the Letica references depict the structure of an inwardly inclined wall connected with a vertical wall which, in turn, is connected to a horizontal flange upon which a vertical rim is positioned. Of particular note is the fact that the so-called inset wall 36 of the Letica references are not horizontal. They are, in fact, angled walls which extend upwardly and outwardly. Moreover, the horizontal annular flange extends beyond the vertically upwardly extending rim in the claimed subject matter. This is not so in the Letica references, inasmuch as the vertical wall, for example wall 38 in the Letica drawing, extends from the outer end of the inclined wall 36. Thus, there is a distinct physical difference between the claimed subject matter and the subject matter of the prior art. Reconsideration of the claims as now submitted is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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